



# Coalition Briefs

A SEMI-MONTHLY UPDATE ON COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH IN NEW

## After Y2K, the 2000 Census

Since census undercounting directly impacts all of us in many ways, from the number of our representatives in Congress to the amount of Federal dollars available in our community for health care and a wide array of other critical services, it is very important that we all assist in getting an accurate census count in this City in 2000. There are a number of ways nonprofit organizations can partner in the census process. For information, contact Alice Chin, Partnership Coordinator, U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census at (212) 620-7702. For information on census jobs, call toll-free: (888) 325-7733. The Census Bureau's Web site is [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) or contact the Office of the Mayor, NYC Census 2000 at (212) 618-8887.

Don't forget: Census Day is April 1, 2000. □

## In memoriam

It is with great sorrow that we announce the untimely passing of Mark L. Silverberg, son of NAMI-NYC Metro President Michael Silverberg. Our hearts go out to Michael, his wife Charlotte and their entire family. □

## DYCD RFP for Residential Programs

On October 18<sup>th</sup> the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) issued a Request for Proposals for Residential Programs for Runaway & Homeless Youth. DYCD is soliciting proposals from community-based organizations for: one Congregate Care Crisis Shelter, one Apartment Crisis Shelter, and four Transitional Living Programs, one of which will be targeted to special populations. The RFP is available for pickup from 9 to 4:30 weekdays at 156 William Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Manhattan. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 2 to 4 PM at the same location, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Auditorium. The proposal deadline is Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. For further information contact Patricia A. Thomas, Agency Chief Contracting Officer at DYCD at (212) 442-5982. □

## Survey time again

Every two years the NYS Office of Mental Health (SOMH) requires mental health facilities, units and sites to complete a survey form for each client who receives services during a one-week period. The 1999 survey week is October 25-31, 1999. Survey data are to be submitted to SOMH by November 30<sup>th</sup>. For copies of the 1999 survey guidelines, survey forms, biennial reports or for questions about participation in the survey, call the SOMH State Survey Coordinator, Jeraldine L. Braff, at (800) 430-3586. □

## Member Notes

**Bleuler Psychotherapy Center, Inc.** is pleased to announce the success of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium and Cocktail Party. The event, held October 1<sup>st</sup>, honored Gerard Chrzanowski, M.D. who founded **Bleuler** in 1949. Symposium speakers addressed such timely topics as funding for the public mental health system, managed care, assisted outpatient treatment and psychoanalytic theory. **Bleuler** hopes the next 50 years will be as successful as the first half century. □

**Brooklyn Psychiatric Centers, Inc.** is pleased to announce that the Clearway Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Program is accepting referrals. The program serves adolescents 12 and up and adults with co-occurring psychiatric and addictive disorders. The Brooklyn Heights program offers individual, group, couples and family therapy as well as psychopharmacology and medication management. The program has no catchments area so referrals are accepted from anywhere in the City and accepts Medicaid, Medicare and many managed care plans. For information or to refer a client call Elaine Schechtel, ACSW at (718) 875-7510. □

## Upcoming Events

October 28	Membership Meeting at CVMHA
November 3	Children's Committee at CVMHA
November 4	Finance Committee at CVMHA Executive Committee at CVMHA
November 5	<b>Forensic MICA Conference at St. Barnabas</b>
November 9	PLC: <i>Confidentiality, Communications and the Client</i> at CSS MICA Committee at The Bridge
November 11	Veterans Day—Coalition closed
<b>November 17</b>	<b>Big Apple Circus</b>
November 18	Membership Meeting at CVMHA